

FUN MONEY

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Editor's Note

Yes, Christmas is upon us already. We hope that you are all moving on with life after the events of the past months. Perhaps we can add a bit of levity into everyone's activities. After all, collecting play money is supposed to be fun.

And as you can see from the reminder above, it is once again time to renew for another year. Since we are printing the newsletter in house the costs are still reasonable, so we will keep the dues at the same rate again this year. The post office is once again asking for more, so this may cause problems with the budget, but we'll survive it all.

With all the distractions there were few items submitted for publication. Many of the hobby newsletters are having the same problem and if anyone has a solution your editor would like to hear it. We hope to complement what is presented on the internet and not compete with it.

Happy Holidays!

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TREASURER'S REPORT



by Barbara Phillips

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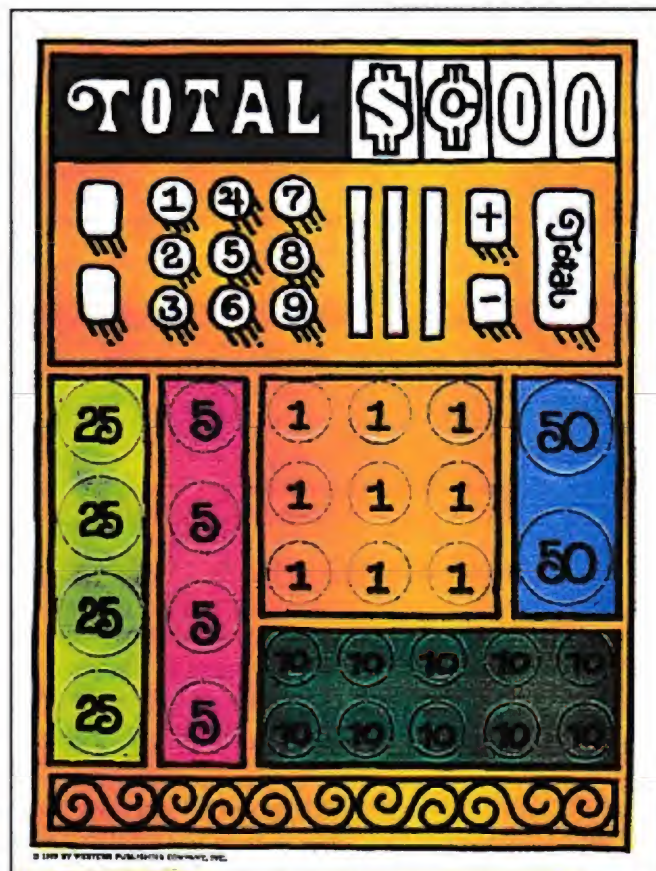
play store

by Jack Phillips

A recent acquisition is a game named "Play Store" by Whitman. The box side says: "©1969 Western Publishing Company, Inc., Racine, Wisconsin 53404. Made in U.S.A. 4681". The colorful box measures 8 3/4 inches by 11 3/4 inches and is 1 1/2 inches deep. The contents include a little booklet which gives suggestions for using the materials; a small box of 6 colored crayons; a "Magic Slate" pad to take orders; a pair of plastic scissors; a coloring book showing all the different products you might carry in the store; and most important to me, some play money.



The box lid.



One of the three cardboard coin sheets.

There are 3 sheets of heavy cardboard, colored coins (printed on one side) in the denominations of 1, 5, 10, 25, and 50. This provides a total of 87 coins when punched out and ready to use. Each sheet measures 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches and the individual coins range from 5/8 inch to 1 3/8 inches in diameter.



play store (continued)



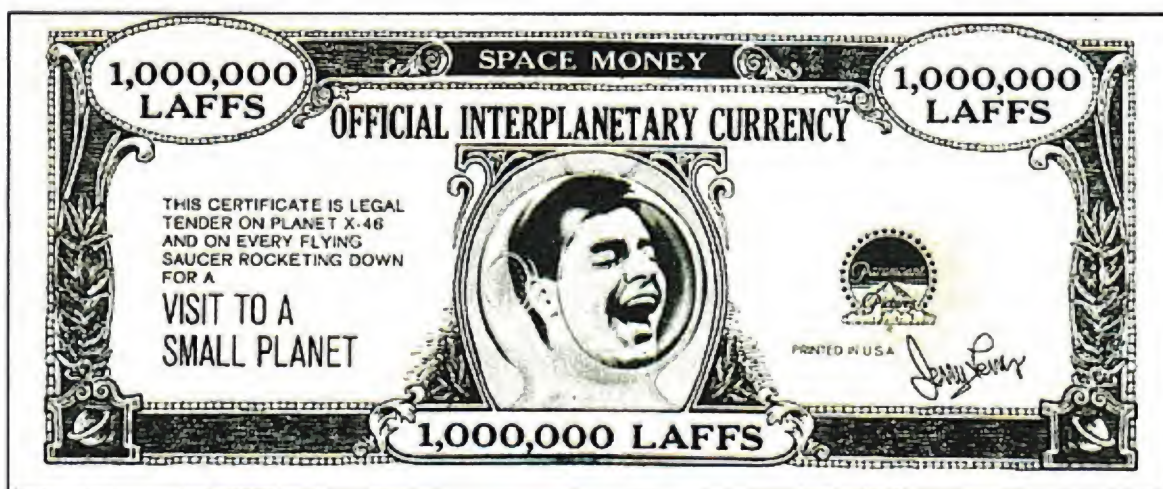
The game has never been played with and the bills are still in an uncut sheet of 36. The denominations are 1, 5, 10, and 20. Each bill, when cut, measures about 6 inches by 2 1/2 inches. They are the common, ornate Western Publishing Company, Inc. bills with an Eagle on the front and the denomination written out on the back and are green on an off-white heavy paper.

The directions in the booklet say, "Separate your play bills and press out your play coins. Use this money when buying groceries." Now, if I could only use these at the real grocery store. Oh well, it is always nice to add something new to the collection.

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Jerry Lewis Space Money

There is no date on this neat promotional bill, but it appears to be from either the late 1950's or the early 1960's since Jerry appears pretty young. Anybody remember, "Visit to A Small Planet"? The bill measures 6 inches by 2 1/2 inches and is printed on both sides with green print on off-white paper. The reverse side has two cartoon illustrations and says the Hal Wallis production is "coming soon to your favorite theatre". It may not say play money, but Jerry has a place in your editor's collection.



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MOTION PICTURE MONEY SHOWCASE III

By Colin Moore

Time once again for another showcase. The three notes shown are part of the "banned" series that the United States government has confiscated from Hollywood due to their realistic appearance (See *Movie Money Troubles* in *Fun Money* #22). The \$20 note stands alone as the most realistic facsimile of current United States currency. The borders on the front and back even follow the same contours of a genuine 20. The script below the portrait reads "Crumrine" but it is once again President James Buchanan (doing one heck of an Andrew Jackson impression). The portraits on the \$50 and \$100 notes read "Hoffarth". I'm not sure about who's on the 50, but the 100 has our old friend from showcases in FM #21 (\$100 note) & 22 (\$1 note). I'd really like to know who this guy is. His picture has also been altered to make him appear more like Benjamin Franklin.

The notes have replaced "United States of America" with the script "For Motion Picture Use Only". They do however have the word "Dollars" printed on them.

On the backs of the notes appear the following buildings: \$100 - White House (south side), \$50 - U.S. Capitol, \$20 White House (north side).

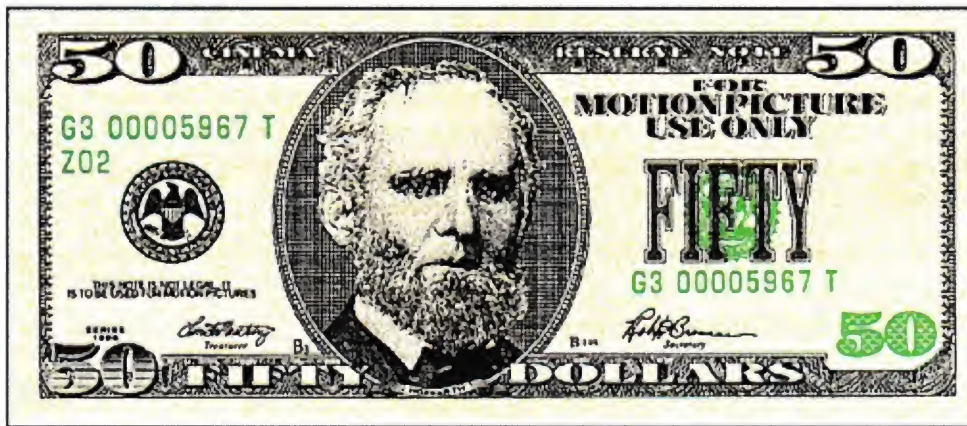
As I said before, these notes have been seized from prop houses for being "too realistic", so if you come across one, and you're a collector, you might want to grab it if the price is right.



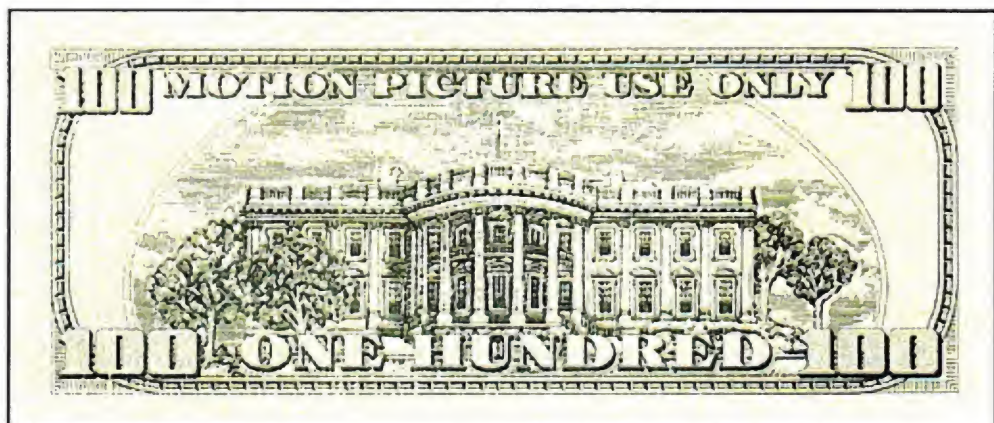
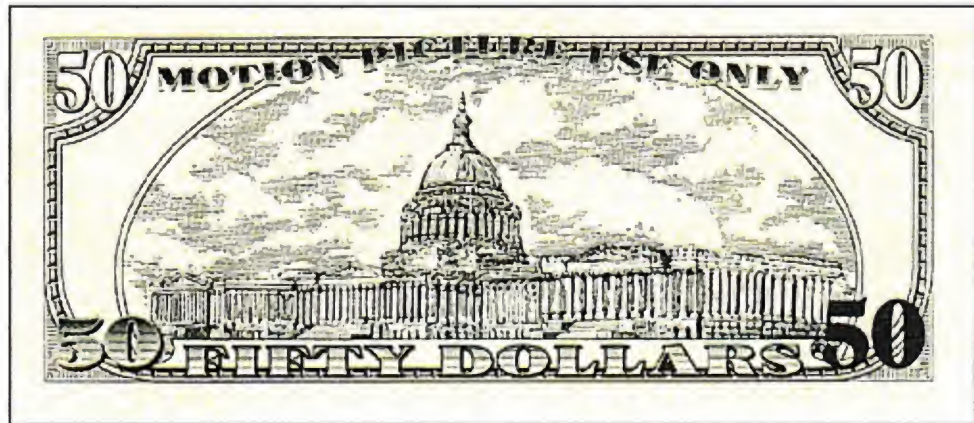
Shown actual size of 6 1/8 Inches by 2 5/8 Inches.



MOTION PICTURE MONEY SHOWCASE III (Continued)



These notes are shown in a slightly reduced size. Their actual size is the same as the note on the previous page (6 1/8 inches by 25/8 inches).



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PILLSBURY COUNTY FAIR PARTY!

By Jack Phillips

In the late 1950's or the early 1960's Pillsbury Company of Minneapolis 60, Minn. evidently had a promotion where you could obtain a large package of games for children. It is unknown what was required to obtain one of these mailings. I recently acquired one of these premiums because I noticed that it contained play money.

The mailing package measures about 11 1/2 inches by 15 inches, but unfortunately is not postmarked with a date. It is filled with paper and cardboard games with numerous punch out pieces. And, as I mentioned before, play money in uncut or unpunched sheets. The only game in the kit that uses the money is a foldout paper board type game called *County Fair Game* where you travel around the fair grounds and either spend your money or receive money for winning something. Naturally the one who has the most money at the end is the winner.

The only other mention of money in the directions is in a block where it say "TIP: Games and play money make good *take home* prizes at the end of a party!"



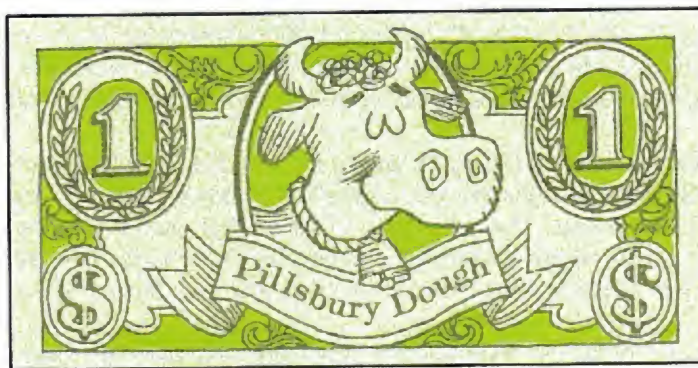
This shows part of the outside of the envelope that contained the games.

And now to the important part, the money itself. There is a foldout sheet with 80 pieces of orange cardboard money called "10¢ Pillsbury Dough". When punched out each one is 1 5/8 inches by 1 inch. The bills are black printing on green paper and come in sheets of 18 each. When cut out they each measure about 3 1/2 inches by 1 3/4 inches. There are 66 \$1 bills, 26 \$5 bills and 16 \$10 bills in the six sheets.

So, this just goes to show that play money can be found in some unusual places such as mail away premiums. I have seen other premiums with money in some of the on-line auctions, but they always seem to command too high a price. Keep up the hunt!

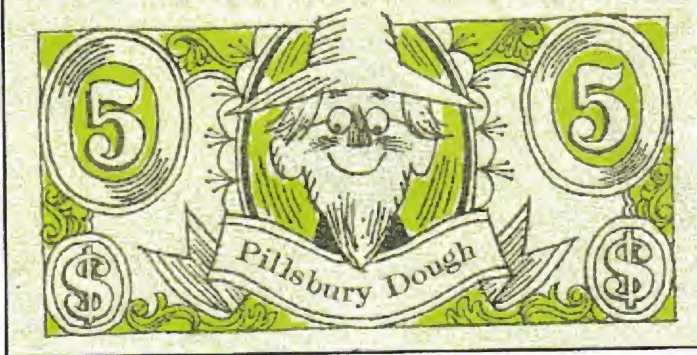


PILLSBURY COUNTY FAIR PARTY! (CONTINUED)



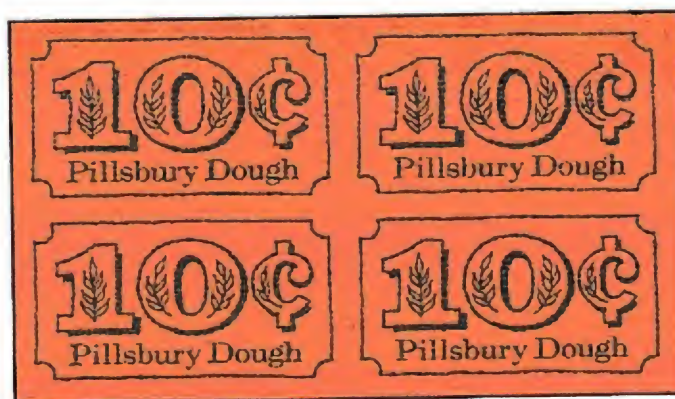
A few of the bills are shown here approximately their actual size, which is 3 1/2 inches by 1 3/4 inches.

Each of the three denominations has a different picture as shown and is blank on the reverse side.



The 10c "coins" are shown here at their actual size, which is 1 5/8 inches by 1 inch for each piece when punched out.

These are also blank on the reverse side.



ARITHME-TOP

By Jack Phillips

This interesting game comes in an envelope that measures about 4 inches wide by 6 1/2 inches long. It was made by Sho-Sho Products, Holyoke, Mass., and is undated, but appears to be from the 1950's due to the graphics used. Also, the address contains no zip code. The contents include a plastic top 1 3/4 inches in diameter, a yellow cloth bag for the top, a post card for entering a contest, and a sheet of Top Bucks points for the game. Since the Top Bucks looked a lot like play money it naturally went into my collection.

The sheet contains 27 bills that are printed on both sides with the same information. There are the following denominations with the quantity of each in parenthesis:

1(4)
5(1)
10(2)
20(2)
50(2)
100(4)
500(5)
1000(7)

Detailed instructions for playing the games are given on the back of the envelope in very small print. But of course when we were kids we could read that small stuff. The top is to be spun on the bottom of a cup or saucer. The instructions are actually pretty complex for so simple a game and probably resulted in pretty small sales. All of the games depend on obtaining "points" for having the top spin the longest. Then in some of the games you add the numbers together to arrive at still another number. I can just imagine the arguments over the "arithmetic" involved. And this was supposed to be a learning game! The other unusual thing about the game is the lack of small points bills. I guess you just rounded off to the next higher number. See the next page for examples of the bills.

Nevertheless, it still has a place in my collection since they did make their bills look like money and they were probably trying to teach the kids something about money.



The envelope front shown actual size.

The bills on the envelope seem dark in this picture, however, this is how they look on the actual envelope.

The bills themselves are not nearly as dark.



ARITHME-TOP (CONTINUED)



All of the bills are the same on both sides except for the different denominations.

These three bills are shown actual size.

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Bradley's Authorized Edition Toy Money (Continued from page 11)



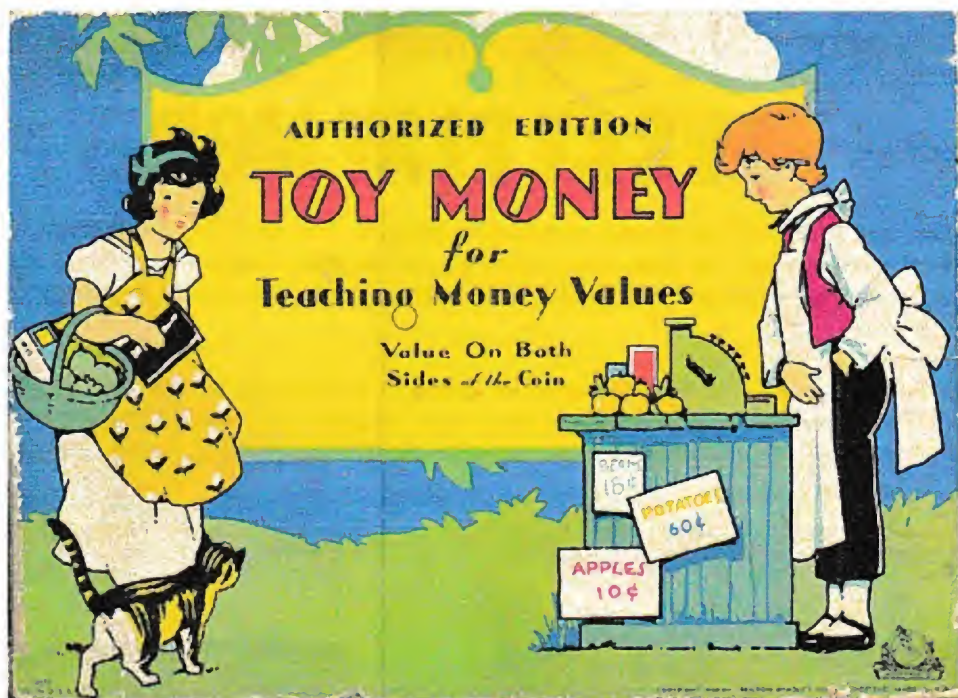
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Bradley's Authorized Edition Toy Money

Don Kolkman has provided us pictures of another one of his many finds.

The box is 13 1/2 inches by 9 3/4 inches by 1 1/2 inches and has "4818" printed on it along with "Copyright 1932".

He states: "This is the 1st time I've seen "Orange" backs on the 10 & 20 bills".



The Milton Bradley Company sure made a lot of different styles of their play money. And they also produced many colorful boxes with lots of neat graphics.

Thanks to Don for sharing this with us.

Please see page 10 for the coins to this set.



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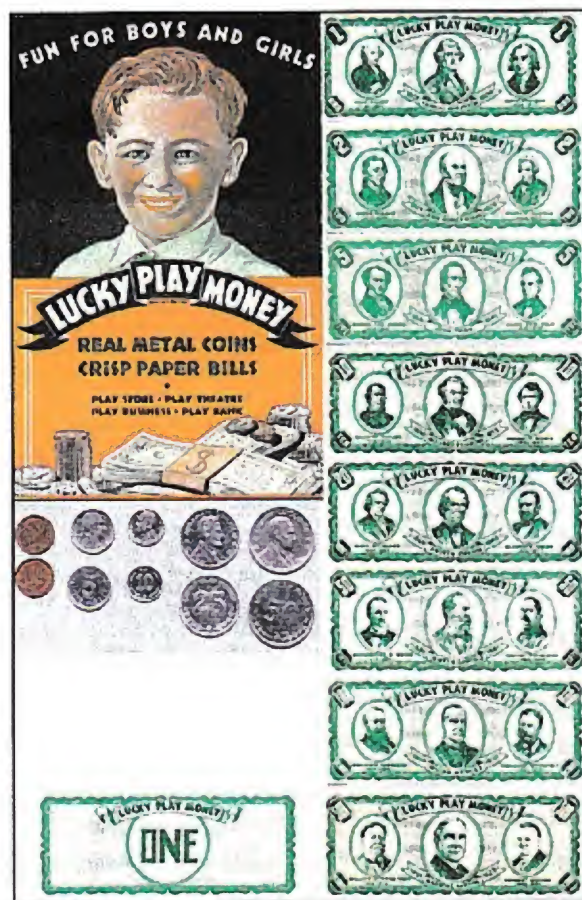
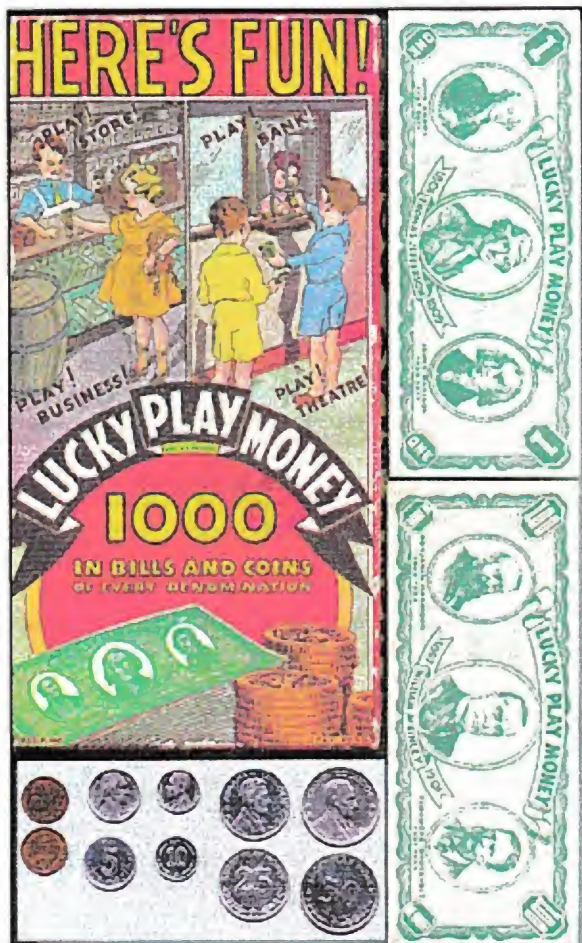


LUCKY PLAY MONEY

Once again Don Kolkman has shared some items with us. This time it is the pictures of the Lucky Money sets shown below. As you will note, the money is quite similar in each set and may in fact be exactly the same, however, the boxes are entirely different. Naturally they are shown at greatly reduced size due to space constraints.

The bills in your editor's collection measure about 5 1/2 inches by 2 1/4 inches and come in eight denominations with different presidents on each note. The box on the left is dated 1933. The coins are the same ones listed as "Lucky Play Money" (numbers L18 through L28) in Richard Clothier's book, *Play Money of American Children*.

It's always great to see the full sets of this neat money. Thanks Don.



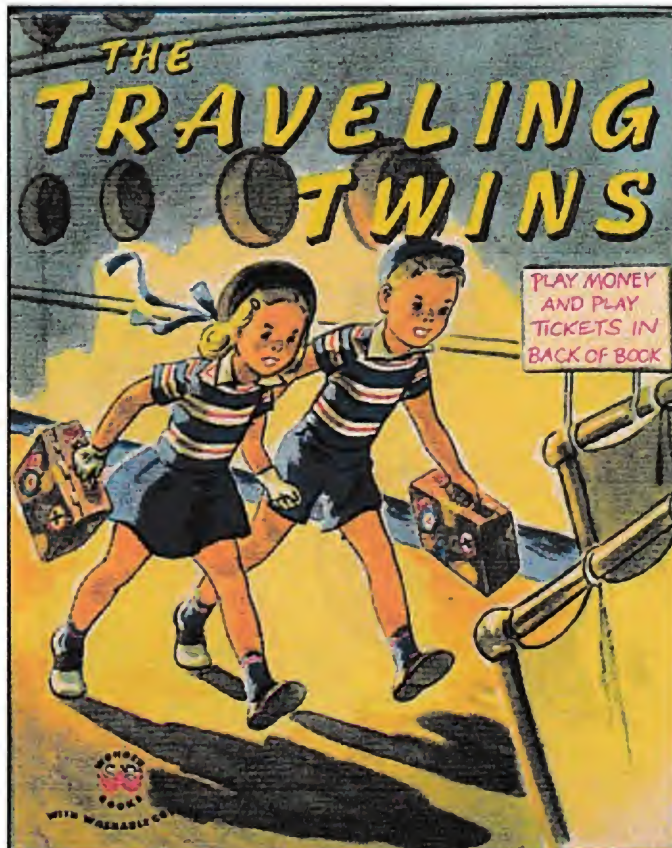
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"The Traveling Twins"

By Don Kolkman

A recent purchase was a book with the above title that included "play money" and "travel tickets". The book measures 6 1/2 inches by 8 inches and is by Wonder Books, New York. It is copyrighted 1953, has a hard cover, and its pages are not numbered. One page contains eight American Express Play Money Travelers Cheques in the denomination of Twenty Dollars (printed on both sides). Another page has ten Travel Tickets good for a trip to various countries, again by American Express Travel Services (also printed on both sides).

Both the play money and the tickets had to be cut out to be used for playing purposes. I'm sure glad that in this case they didn't use the play money and the tickets in their travels.



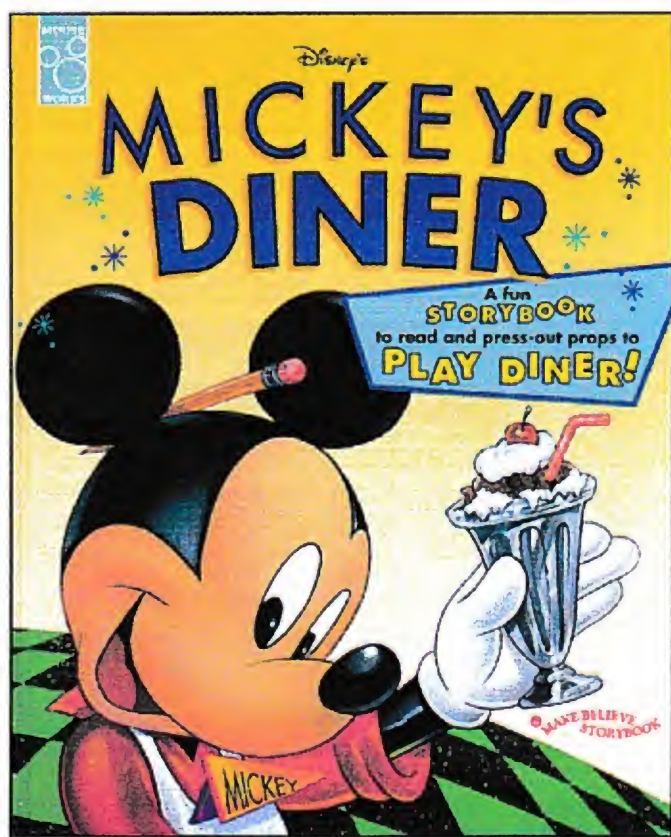
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MICKEY'S DINER

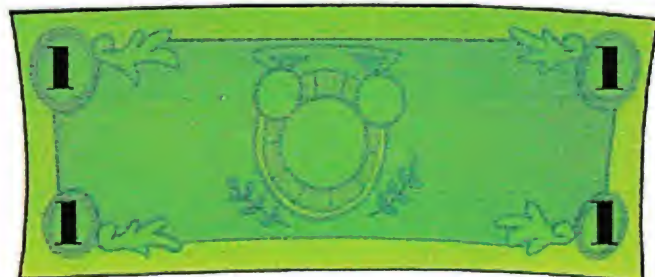
By Jack Phillips

Here's another book that has play money that might otherwise be overlooked. This nice little *Make Believe Storybook* book was published in 1995. It has the normal glossy hardback covers of a child's book with 20 pages of colorful pictures of Mickey and all of his friends. In the back is a five page cardboard foldout with punch out pieces to use in the "diner". Included are the following: A menu with Mickey's Purple Plate Specials; name tags; large soda; two sets of silverware; salt and pepper shakers; order pad; waiter or waitress cap; and of course, play money to pay for the items.

The money consists of three bills with a denominations of one and 9 coins with the values of 1¢, 5¢, 25¢, and 50¢. All are blank on the back and have no special identification, so they would appear generic if separated from the book. But you don't really think I would punch out my money do you?



The book measures about
7 1/4 inches wide by 9 inches tall.



The coins are shown their actual sizes
while the bills, shown here in a
reduced size, measure
5 1/4 inches by 2 1/4 inches.

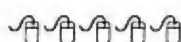
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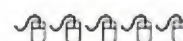
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